# **P60 Plymouth University**

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Reporting groups: Sex, POLAR3, ethnic group

Applicant statistics: June deadline applicants, placed June deadline applicants, all placed applicants, June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population, all placed applicants per 10,000 population

Application statistics: June deadline applications, offers, offer rate, average offer rate, percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate, contribution of group to the average offer rate

Non-disclosure controls: To avoid the disclosure of information about any individual the following measures are taken

- Applicants, placed applicants, applications and offers are rounded to the nearest 5.
- Applicants/placed applicants per 10,000 population figures are reported as 0 if the applicant/placed applicant figures are rounded to 0.
- All statistics related to the offer rate are not reported when the number of applications for a group is less than 10. The percentage point difference between the offer rate and the average offer rate is not reported when the number of applications for a group is less than 50.
- Offer rates are reported as 0% if there are fewer than 5 offers, and 100% if the number of offers is within 5 of the number of applications. When the offer rate is reported as 0% or 100%, it is reported in italics.

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### P.1 18 year old applicants

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	10,265	9,770	9,490	9,455	9,240	8,760
Placed June deadline applicants	2,160	2,040	2,125	1,920	2,110	2,160
All placed applicants	2,480	2,415	2,425	2,240	2,460	2,460
June deadline applicants per 10,000 population	132.7	128.4	126.0	123.4	123.3	118.3
Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000	27.9	26.8	28.2	25.0	28.2	29.2
All placed applicants per 10,000 population	32.0	31.7	32.2	29.3	32.8	33.2

## P.2 18 year old applications

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	11,125	10,510	10,255	10,120	10,030	9,570
Offers	9,705	9,065	8,855	8,630	8,805	8,395
Offer rate	87.3%	86.3%	86.4%	85.3%	87.8%	87.7%

### P.3 18 year old applicants by sex

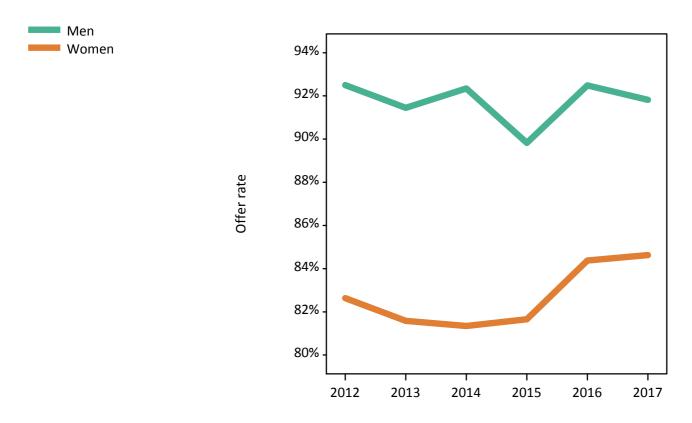
Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	4,745	4,555	4,265	4,155	3,870	3,700
	Women	5,520	5,215	5,230	5,300	5,370	5,065
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	1,075	1,010	1,020	915	955	985
	Women	1,080	1,030	1,105	1,005	1,155	1,175
All placed applicants	Men	1,250	1,200	1,170	1,070	1,110	1,120
	Women	1,230	1,215	1,255	1,170	1,350	1,335
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Men	119.7	116.7	110.1	105.9	100.8	97.4
population	Women	146.4	140.8	142.8	141.8	146.9	140.2
Placed June deadline applicants per	Men	27.2	25.8	26.3	23.3	24.9	26.0
10,000 population	Women	28.7	27.8	30.2	26.9	31.6	32.6
All placed applicants per 10,000	Men	31.5	30.8	30.3	27.3	28.9	29.5
population	Women	32.7	32.7	34.3	31.4	36.9	37.0

# P.4 18 year old applications by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	5,215	4,980	4,690	4,500	4,220	4,120
	Women	5,910	5,525	5,565	5,620	5,810	5,450
Offers	Men	4,825	4,555	4,330	4,040	3,900	3,780
	Women	4,885	4,510	4,525	4,590	4,905	4,615
Offer rate	Men	92.5%	91.4%	92.3%	89.8%	92.5%	91.8%
	Women	82.6%	81.6%	81.3%	81.7%	84.4%	84.6%
Average offer rate	Men	92.8%	91.5%	92.4%	89.7%	92.6%	91.9%
	Women	82.4%	81.6%	81.3%	81.8%	84.3%	84.6%
Percentage point difference between	Men	-0.3	-0.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
offer rate and average offer rate	Women	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Contribution of group to the average	Men	0.655	0.659	0.650	0.639	0.609	0.630
offer rate	Women	0.696	0.692	0.705	0.711	0.716	0.720

#### P.5 18 year old offer rate by sex

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.



**P.6 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by sex** Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.





# P.7 18 year old applicants by POLAR3 quintile

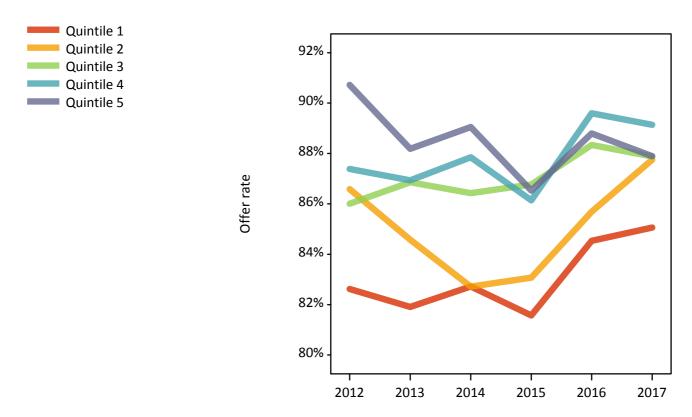
Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	1,120	1,120	1,150	1,205	1,165	1,190
	Quintile 2	1,640	1,605	1,535	1,515	1,570	1,605
	Quintile 3	2,135	2,025	1,945	1,945	1,955	1,790
	Quintile 4	2,645	2,415	2,370	2,280	2,190	2,025
	Quintile 5	2,705	2,595	2,475	2,495	2,345	2,120
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	250	255	270	260	290	305
	Quintile 2	365	335	380	315	360	430
	Quintile 3	470	460	445	430	465	460
	Quintile 4	550	500	540	490	510	500
	Quintile 5	520	490	485	415	490	460
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	285	295	300	305	320	350
	Quintile 2	410	385	420	360	410	475
	Quintile 3	540	535	510	495	545	515
	Quintile 4	630	595	625	580	595	580
	Quintile 5	605	600	560	495	585	530
June deadline applicants per 10,00	0 Quintile 1	78.5	80.5	82.7	85.9	86.2	89.4
population	Quintile 2	109.2	108.9	104.9	101.9	108.7	113.1
	Quintile 3	138.2	132.6	129.3	126.7	130.2	120.3
	Quintile 4	166.6	154.3	153.7	145.5	141.9	132.7
	Quintile 5	161.1	157.0	151.7	149.0	141.8	129.2
Placed June deadline applicants pe	r Quintile 1	17.6	18.3	19.5	18.7	21.3	23.0
10,000 population	Quintile 2	24.3	22.6	25.9	21.2	24.8	30.2
	Quintile 3	30.6	30.0	29.7	28.1	30.9	30.8
	Quintile 4	34.7	32.0	35.0	31.4	33.2	32.6
	Quintile 5	30.9	29.6	29.7	24.8	29.5	28.1
All placed applicants per 10,000	Quintile 1	20.1	21.1	21.7	21.6	23.6	26.5
population	Quintile 2	27.5	26.2	28.7	24.3	28.5	33.4
	Quintile 3	35.0	34.9	34.0	32.3	36.3	34.5
	Quintile 4	39.7	38.2	40.7	37.2	38.6	37.9
	Quintile 5	36.1	36.3	34.4	29.6	35.3	32.3

# P.8 18 year old applications by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic PO	LAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	1,260	1,240	1,285	1,325	1,330	1,360
	Quintile 2	1,795	1,730	1,665	1,635	1,720	1,745
	Quintile 3	2,335	2,220	2,115	2,130	2,145	2,020
	Quintile 4	2,870	2,595	2,570	2,410	2,365	2,175
	Quintile 5	2,835	2,710	2,605	2,600	2,455	2,240
Offers	Quintile 1	1,040	1,015	1,065	1,080	1,125	1,155
	Quintile 2	1,555	1,465	1,380	1,360	1,475	1,535
	Quintile 3	2,010	1,930	1,825	1,850	1,895	1,775
	Quintile 4	2,510	2,255	2,255	2,075	2,120	1,935
	Quintile 5	2,570	2,390	2,320	2,250	2,180	1,965
Offer rate	Quintile 1	82.6%	81.9%	82.7%	81.6%	84.5%	85.1%
	Quintile 2	86.6%	84.6%	82.7%	83.1%	85.7%	87.8%
	Quintile 3	86.0%	86.9%	86.4%	86.8%	88.3%	87.9%
	Quintile 4	87.4%	86.9%	87.9%	86.1%	89.6%	89.1%
	Quintile 5	90.7%	88.2%	89.1%	86.5%	88.8%	87.9%
Average offer rate	Quintile 1	83.5%	82.4%	83.7%	82.3%	86.2%	86.5%
	Quintile 2	85.4%	85.5%	83.2%	84.4%	86.4%	87.5%
	Quintile 3	86.3%	86.8%	86.5%	86.5%	88.4%	88.5%
	Quintile 4	88.0%	87.0%	87.3%	85.6%	88.7%	88.0%
	Quintile 5	90.2%	87.4%	88.7%	86.0%	88.3%	87.7%
Percentage point difference between	Quintile 1	-0.9	-0.5	-1.0	-0.8	-1.6	-1.5
offer rate and average offer rate	Quintile 2	1.2	-0.9	-0.5	-1.3	-0.7	0.2
	Quintile 3	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.0	-0.7
	Quintile 4	-0.6	-0.0	0.5	0.5	0.9	1.1
	Quintile 5	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.2
Contribution of group to the average	Quintile 1	0.208	0.233	0.232	0.229	0.231	0.242
offer rate	Quintile 2	0.240	0.245	0.242	0.235	0.252	0.264
	Quintile 3	0.278	0.285	0.281	0.284	0.284	0.289
	Quintile 4	0.321	0.316	0.323	0.307	0.306	0.304
	Quintile 5	0.338	0.343	0.344	0.346	0.340	0.338

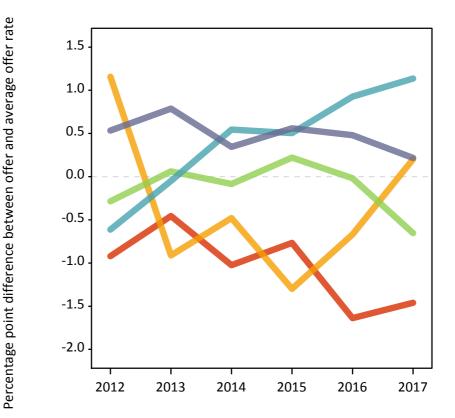
#### P.9 18 year old offer rate by POLAR3 quintile

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.



**P.10 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by POLAR3 quintile** Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.





# P.11 18 year old applicants by ethnic group

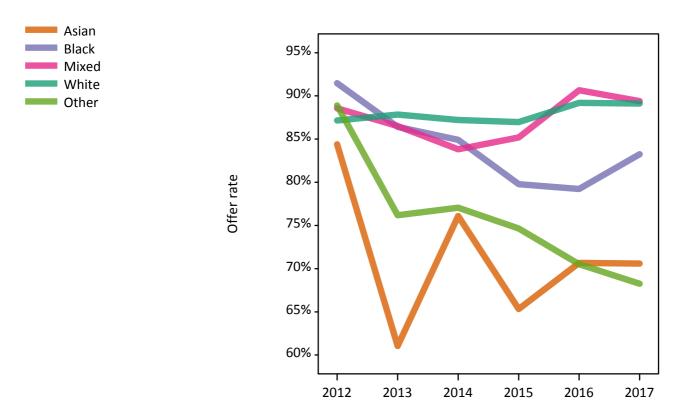
Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	380	535	510	605	545	570
	Black	325	305	285	270	225	200
	Mixed	260	280	295	290	270	300
	White	9,225	8,545	8,310	8,195	8,080	7,590
	Other	45	80	60	65	75	60
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	60	50	65	60	65	65
	Black	35	45	30	25	30	25
	Mixed	45	40	50	45	55	60
	White	2,005	1,885	1,975	1,775	1,945	1,995
	Other	5	10	5	10	10	10
All placed applicants	Asian	95	85	90	80	95	90
	Black	55	70	40	40	45	35
	Mixed	60	50	60	55	65	75
	White	2,255	2,185	2,225	2,045	2,225	2,235
	Other	5	15	5	15	15	15
June deadline applicants per 10,000	Asian	58.5	81.3	75.5	85.3	75.9	77.2
population	Black	115.8	102.4	93.7	85.1	72.2	63.2
	Mixed	99.1	103.2	102.9	94.0	86.1	93.8
	White	142.9	135.8	134.7	131.5	133.6	127.9
	Other	48.6	86.0	65.5	68.5	74.4	57.3
Placed June deadline applicants per	Asian	9.4	7.3	9.4	8.2	8.9	9.1
10,000 population	Black	12.8	15.2	9.2	8.5	10.2	7.9
	Mixed	17.7	15.2	17.4	14.6	16.8	18.7
	White	31.1	30.0	32.0	28.5	32.2	33.6
	Other	4.5	13.2	5.4	10.4	9.0	9.7
All placed applicants per 10,000	Asian	14.5	13.2	13.1		13.5	12.4
population	Black	19.5	23.2	12.9	12.6	14.4	11.1
	Mixed	23.4	19.2	21.6	18.2	21.0	23.4
	White	34.9	34.7	36.1	32.9	36.8	37.7
	Other	5.7	16.5	7.5	13.5	13.1	12.6

# P.12 18 year old applications by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	390	550	525	615	560	580
	Black	330	310	285	270	230	205
	Mixed	270	290	310	295	290	310
	White	10,055	9,245	9,050	8,830	8,830	8,365
	Other	45	85	60	70	80	65
Offers	Asian	330	335	400	405	395	410
	Black	300	265	240	215	185	170
	Mixed	240	250	260	255	260	280
	White	8,760	8,120	7,890	7,680	7,875	7,455
	Other	40	65	45	55	55	45
Offer rate	Asian	84.4%	61.1%	76.1%	65.3%	70.7%	70.6%
	Black	91.5%	86.4%	84.9%	79.8%	79.2%	83.3%
	Mixed	88.6%	86.5%	83.8%	85.2%	90.7%	89.4%
	White	87.1%	87.8%	87.2%	87.0%	89.2%	89.1%
	Other	88.9%	76.2%	77.0%	74.6%	70.5%	68.3%
Average offer rate	Asian	84.2%	64.3%	76.3%	67.3%	72.5%	71.0%
	Black	92.2%	87.6%	85.9%	81.6%	81.6%	84.7%
	Mixed	89.0%	88.0%	88.5%	87.4%	91.0%	90.2%
	White	87.1%	87.6%	87.0%	86.7%	89.0%	89.0%
	Other	91.1%	74.4%	77.3%	78.8%	74.0%	74.1%
Percentage point difference between	Asian	0.2	-3.2	-0.2	-2.0	-1.9	-0.4
offer rate and average offer rate	Black	-0.7	-1.2	-0.9	-1.8	-2.4	-1.5
	Mixed	-0.5	-1.5	-4.6	-2.2	-0.3	-0.8
	White	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
	Other	N/A	1.7	-0.2	-4.2	-3.4	-5.8
Contribution of group to the average	Asian	0.203	0.308	0.255	0.315	0.302	0.319
offer rate	Black	0.142	0.145	0.144	0.130	0.114	0.138
	Mixed	0.097	0.106	0.141	0.123	0.135	0.134
	White	0.919	0.907	0.906	0.901	0.906	0.903
	Other	0.092	0.086	0.127	0.139	0.109	0.093

#### P.13 18 year old offer rate by ethnic group

Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 10 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.



**P.14 Percentage point difference between 18 year old offer rate and average offer rate by ethnic group** Note: The line for a group is not plotted when that group made fewer than 50 applications in any of the years from 2012-2017.





# P.15 Applicants (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	18,810	19,490	19,315	18,505	17,820	16,345
Placed June deadline applicants	4,250	4,375	4,615	4,140	4,295	4,345
All placed applicants	4,900	5,115	5,310	4,815	4,980	4,990

# P.16 Applications (all ages)

Statistic	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	20,905	21,445	21,445	20,330	19,790	18,215
Offers	15,815	15,905	15,910	15,015	15,145	14,330
Offer rate	75.7%	74.2%	74.2%	73.8%	76.5%	78.7%

### P.17 Applicants (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Men	8,545	8,905	8,495	8,060	7,395	6,790
	Women	10,270	10,585	10,820	10,445	10,425	9,555
Placed June deadline applicants	Men	2,070	2,040	2,110	1,850	1,835	1,790
	Women	2,180	2,335	2,505	2,290	2,465	2,555
All placed applicants	Men	2,420	2,435	2,480	2,165	2,160	2,080
	Women	2,485	2,680	2,830	2,650	2,825	2,905

# P.18 Applications (all ages) by sex

Statistic	Sex	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Men	9,590	9,860	9,495	8,850	8,190	7,660
	Women	11,315	11,580	11,945	11,485	11,595	10,555
Offers	Men	8,035	7,965	7,830	7,100	6,785	6,445
	Women	7,780	7,940	8,080	7,915	8,360	7,880
Offer rate	Men	83.8%	80.8%	82.5%	80.2%	82.8%	84.2%
	Women	68.8%	68.6%	67.6%	68.9%	72.1%	74.7%

# P.19 Applicants (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	2,480	2,630	2,670	2,615	2,600	2,405
	Quintile 2	3,295	3,465	3,460	3,315	3,305	3,135
	Quintile 3	4,030	3,985	4,115	3,860	3,740	3,395
	Quintile 4	4,610	4,650	4,560	4,330	4,145	3,785
	Quintile 5	4,340	4,720	4,470	4,345	3,990	3,580
Placed June deadline applicants	Quintile 1	615	645	730	665	685	710
	Quintile 2	775	810	890	790	855	905
	Quintile 3	950	970	1,040	890	885	920
	Quintile 4	1,055	1,065	1,035	1,015	1,035	1,015
	Quintile 5	845	880	905	770	830	780
All placed applicants	Quintile 1	700	730	820	765	770	835
	Quintile 2	885	935	1,005	910	975	1,015
	Quintile 3	1,095	1,115	1,185	1,030	1,045	1,040
	Quintile 4	1,220	1,255	1,215	1,185	1,195	1,175
	Quintile 5	990	1,065	1,070	910	985	905

# P.20 Applications (all ages) by POLAR3 quintile

Statistic	POLAR3 quintile	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Quintile 1	2,875	2,965	3,110	3,000	3,020	2,810
	Quintile 2	3,760	3,860	3,920	3,695	3,765	3,545
	Quintile 3	4,485	4,485	4,575	4,315	4,155	3,850
	Quintile 4	5,130	5,110	5,035	4,715	4,600	4,145
	Quintile 5	4,600	4,970	4,750	4,560	4,210	3,815
Offers	Quintile 1	1,965	2,065	2,190	2,105	2,200	2,125
	Quintile 2	2,700	2,770	2,735	2,615	2,785	2,740
	Quintile 3	3,375	3,335	3,395	3,190	3,200	3,025
	Quintile 4	3,960	3,855	3,790	3,545	3,585	3,320
	Quintile 5	3,780	3,850	3,765	3,530	3,350	3,085
Offer rate	Quintile 1	68.3%	69.6%	70.5%	70.1%	72.8%	75.6%
	Quintile 2	71.8%	71.8%	69.8%	70.8%	74.0%	77.3%
	Quintile 3	75.2%	74.4%	74.2%	74.0%	77.0%	78.6%
	Quintile 4	77.2%	75.4%	75.2%	75.2%	78.0%	80.1%
	Quintile 5	82.1%	77.5%	79.2%	77.4%	79.6%	80.8%

### P.21 Applicants (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applicants	Asian	825	1,370	1,345	1,380	1,335	1,270
	Black	775	790	780	725	665	565
	Mixed	470	570	605	550	545	535
	White	16,525	16,465	16,315	15,520	14,965	13,690
	Other	125	195	180	205	185	180
Placed June deadline applicants	Asian	130	115	150	155	170	160
	Black	95	90	75	85	80	85
	Mixed	90	95	120	95	90	115
	White	3,890	4,025	4,235	3,760	3,905	3,940
	Other	20	30	20	20	20	25
All placed applicants	Asian	190	185	210	205	230	215
	Black	135	145	115	135	115	110
	Mixed	115	115	145	125	115	140
	White	4,405	4,610	4,800	4,300	4,455	4,470
	Other	25	35	25	30	30	35

# P.22 Applications (all ages) by ethnic group

Statistic	Ethnic group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June deadline applications	Asian	860	1,410	1,375	1,420	1,370	1,300
	Black	815	815	815	755	695	585
	Mixed	515	600	645	575	580	570
	White	18,465	18,310	18,325	17,240	16,820	15,445
	Other	145	205	185	210	190	195
Offers	Asian	655	675	775	805	800	805
	Black	570	510	525	435	400	370
	Mixed	410	455	485	430	450	460
	White	14,005	14,090	13,960	13,165	13,310	12,500
	Other	100	120	110	115	105	110
Offer rate	Asian	76.2%	47.8%	56.4%	56.6%	58.4%	62.0%
	Black	69.7%	62.3%	64.7%	57.9%	57.3%	63.5%
	Mixed	79.4%	75.4%	75.7%	74.9%	77.9%	80.7%
	White	75.8%	76.9%	76.2%	76.4%	79.1%	80.9%
	Other	69.4%	58.3%	60.0%	53.3%	53.9%	54.8%

# **Technical Notes and Definitions**

### **UCAS undergraduate scheme**

### Adjustment

Adjustment allows applicants who have met and exceeded the terms of their conditional firm offer to seek and find a place at another provider whilst keeping their place at their original firm choice provider.

### Clearing

Clearing is a route for applicants that are not placed and holding no offers to find a place on courses with vacancies.

### Cycle year

The UCAS application cycle which runs from September to October the following year. For example the 2017 cycle runs from September 2016 through to October 2017.

### End of cycle

The point in the cycle to which the numbers in this report refer, and the point at which the cycle is closed such that no more applications or offers can be made, and no more applicants can be placed. Numbers reported at the end of cycle exclude information on a small number of applicants who cancelled during the cycle.

### Extra

Applicants who are unsuccessful in obtaining an offer or decline all offers may be eligible to apply through Extra, where they can apply to one further course at a time. Extra operates from 25 February until early July. It provides applicants who are eligible the possibility of obtaining an offer before exam results are published and Clearing starts.

### June 30 deadline

The deadline for main scheme applications. Applicants who apply after this date will go directly into Clearing.

### Record of Prior Acceptance (RPA)

RPA is an acceptance route used when a provider informs UCAS of applicants it has accepted outside of the normal application process (e.g. individuals who have applied directly to the provider).

### **Reporting groups**

### Ethnic group

High level grouping of ethnic origin as declared by the applicant: 'White', 'Black', 'Asian', 'Mixed', 'Other', 'Unknown'. Applicants who declare themselves as 'Unknown' ethnic origin are not reported in these tables, but are included in the associated csv data file.

### POLAR3 quintile

Developed by HEFCE, POLAR3 classifies small areas across the UK into five groups according to their level of young participation in Higher Education. Each of these groups represents around 20 per cent of young people and is ranked from Quintile 1 (areas with the lowest young participation rates, considered as the most disadvantaged) to Quintile 5 (highest young participation rates, considered most advantaged). POLAR3 is based on the participation rates of young people between 2005 and 2009 who entered Higher Education between 2005-06 and 2010-11, therefore is most suitable for applicants aged 19 and under. These groups are assigned using the postcode declared by the applicant at the time of their application. If a UK postcode is invalid, considered unsafe for measurement or there is no link to Census geography possible then the applicant is not assigned to a quintile. Applicants with no POLAR3 quintile are not reported.

### Sex

Sex as declared by the applicant.

#### SIMD 2016 quintile

Scottish index of multiple deprivation (SIMD) identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland, providing a relative measure of deprivation amongst 6505 small areas (data zones) based on 7 socio-economic domains. These small areas are classified into five groups ranked from Quintile 1 (considered the most deprived) to Quintile 5 (considered least deprived), with equal populations in each quintile. Quintiles are assigned using the postcode declared by the applicant, applicants declaring invalid postcodes are classified as 'Not assigned' and are not reported.

SIMD is only defined for applicants domiciled in Scotland, therefore any applicants domiciled outside of Scotland cannot be assigned to an SIMD quintile and so are not reported for this measure.

SIMD is only reported for providers in Scotland. Application and entry rates by SIMD are reported in the 2017 End of Cycle Report and the 2017 cycle January deadline application rate report.

#### Statistics reported in the tables

#### All placed applicants

The number of applicants placed for entry into higher education at the provider through one of their choices, including any choices made through Extra, or via Adjustment, Clearing or RPA.

#### All placed applicants per 10,000 population

The number of total UK domiciled 18 year old placed applicants for entry into higher education at the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, that were placed at the provider through one of their choices, including any choices made through Extra, or via Adjustment, Clearing or RPA. It is an alternative way of expressing the entry rate to a provider. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of placed applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will be placed at a provider.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

#### Average offer rate

The offer rate that you might expect if the predicted grades and subject choice of applicants were the only factors that influenced whether an applicant was made an offer by the provider. The average offer rate is calculated by dividing applicants according to their specific combination of grades (for A levels the best three predicted grades are used, for BTECs, International Baccalaureate and Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers, predicted grades along with any grades already achieved upon applying are used) and subject choice. For each combination the number of main scheme offers is divided by the number of main scheme applications, to give an overall offer rate. This is then multiplied by the number of applications made by the group for which the average offer rate is being calculated (for example POLAR3 quintile 1), to give an average number of offers for that group. These average number of offers are then added together across all combinations of predicted grade and subject and divided by the number of main scheme applications from the group to give the average offer rate.

The average offer rate does not attempt to control for any other factors that may play a part in the decision to make an offer, such as the subject of the qualifications studied, their relevance to a course, or the grade in each subject; higher numbers of A levels being studied; the exact profile of grades predicted; personal statements; teacher references; interviews; or any other criteria (such as work experience or portfolios) that may be part of the admissions decision.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

#### Contribution of group to the average offer rate

The way in which the average offer rate is defined means that the pattern of application and offers of a group (for example POLAR3 quintile 1) will always contribute, in part, to the average offer rate for that group. When this contribution is large, the average offer rate will mainly reflect the patterns for the group, meaning that the value of the average offer rate will be similar to the offer rate, the percentage point difference statistic will be small, and any real difference between the offer rate and what might be expected given the predicted grades and subject choices of the applicants will be difficult to detect.

Values of the contribution of group to the average offer rate range between 0 and 1. The closer the value is to 1 the greater the contribution a group makes to its own average offer rate.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

#### Placed June deadline applicants

An applicant who has been placed for entry into higher education at the provider through a June deadline application.

#### Placed June deadline applicants per 10,000 population

The number of UK domiciled 18 year old placed June deadline applicants at the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, that were placed at the provider through one of their June deadline applications. It is an alternative way of expressing the entry rate to a provider, but for placed June deadline applicants only. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of placed June deadline applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential 18 year old applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will be placed at a provider through a June deadline application.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

#### June deadline applications

An application (or choice) to a course in higher education to the provider that is made by the June 30 deadline. Each applicant can make up to five choices this way. The number of June deadline applications does not include choices made through the following routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs. Applications made to October deadline courses received after the October deadline are not included in these statistics.

#### June deadline applicants

The number of applicants that made at least one application to the provider by the June 30 deadline.

### June deadline applicants per 10,000 population

The number of UK domiciled 18 year old June deadline applicants to the provider divided by the number of UK 18 year olds in the population, multiplied by 10,000. This gives the number of 18 year olds, for every 10,000 in the population, who applied by the June 30 deadline. It is equivalent to the application rate. By referencing the underlying population this statistic shows how the number of June deadline applicants is changing in relation to the available pool of potential 18 year old applicants and so gives the chance that somebody from the group will apply to a provider by the June 30 deadline.

This statistic is only reported for 18 year olds.

#### Offers

An offer is defined as a provider's decision in response to an application to offer a place to an applicant, often subject to the applicant satisfying academic and/or other criteria, via a June deadline application (i.e. does not cover choices made through the following routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs).

### Offer rate

The number of offers made divided by the number of June deadline applications. This gives the proportion of all June deadline applications to the provider that received an offer.

Percentage point difference between offer rate and average offer rate The offer rate minus the average offer rate.

The percentage point difference can be compared to the expected range of statistical variation resulting from the calculation of the average offer rate using the Average Offer Rate Lookup Table. Where the value of the percentage point difference lies outside of this range, the percentage point difference may be considered to represent a real difference between the offer rate and the average offer rate.

### **Other definitions**

### Age

This analysis uses country-specific age definitions that align with the cut off points for school and college cohorts within the different administrations of the UK. For England and Wales, ages are defined on the 31 August, for Northern Ireland on the 1 July and for Scotland on the 28 February the following year. Defining ages in this way matches the assignment of children to school cohorts. For applicants outside of the UK a cohort cut off of 31 August has been used. Numbers for applicants aged 17 and under are included in the tables that report numbers for all age groups. Providers in Scotland typically receive a higher proportion of applicants aged 17 and under compared to providers elsewhere in the UK.

#### Provider

A higher education provider - a university or college.

### **UK domiciled**

Declared area of permanent residence within England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Applicants from the Channel Islands and Isle of Man are not included.